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can confess ♥ Shinya!!! I have you too~ <3

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Welcome to Goraihou Academy!
It's been four years since...
I'M GOING NOW, MOM.
WELL, GOOD-BYE

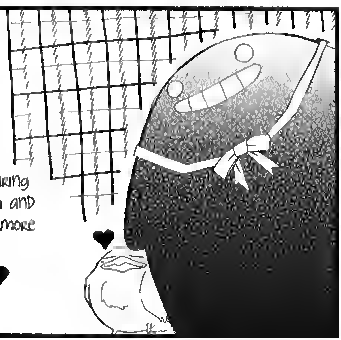
こらいほうがくえんへようこそ！
御来訪学園へようこそ！
WELCOME TO GORAIHOU ACADEMY!

Today is the opening ceremony of the third school term.
This is the high school division of Goraihou Academy, gathering the richest of the rich
MISS-ING?

My Love

Why, my most beloved item is a Gen-san Plushie I received from a fan of the series! It's so LOVELY!!! I always hug it while I'm working (especially during the drafts stage) It gives me strength and helps me concentrate and makes me more energetic. And it's just amazing!

MY MOST FAVORITE ITEM!!!



★MY LOVE♥ MY MOST FAVORITE ITEM!!! ★

PRESIDENT GORAIKOUJI IS MISSING!!!
ARE YOU SURE HE DIDN'T JUST TAKE A BREAK?
EXACTLY WHAT I SAID!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YEAH!
IT'S THE FIRST DAY OF THE THIRD TERM, AND THERE'S LOTS OF WORK SET OUT FOR THE STUDENT COUNCIL TO DO!
STUDENT COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?!
SHINYA-SAMA!
BUT WE ALWAYS SEE HIM FIRST THING IN THE MORNING..
No way!
Are he injured or threat!
Why are you calling me "sama" when we're all in second year?
Force of habit!
.....
AND WE DIDN'T SEE THE OTHER TWO, EITHER!
?
WE'VE ALREADY SEARCHED ALL THE PLACES THE PRESIDENT WOULD USUALLY GO
BUT HE WASN'T ANY-WHERE!
Nod
Nod
WE COULDN'T FIND THEM, EITHER!
HOW ABOUT LOOKING FOR MASHIBA AND YANAGIZAWA?

DON'T TELL ME...
The three of them vanished at the same time.
I WILL STAND-IN FOR GORAHOUJI WHILE THE CORE MEMBERS AREN'T AROUND
SHINYA-SAMA? IS ANYTHING WRONG?
AH NO
But if it's that problem all over again, I'm worried about those three
SORRY, BUT I'M TIED UP WITH SOME URGENT MATTERS RIGHT NOW.
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL BUSINESS AFTER CLASS.
WOULD THAT BE OK?
SU-SURE!!!
.....
I wish I could...
SIGH

...have spent the day quietly, at least today.
What if it's the spirits again?
On the fifteenth day of January,
three people dis appeared
Ahaha!
Ahaha!
Ahaha!
Hey, everyone!

Let's go!
Let's go!
Let's all play together...
knocks knock
EXCUSE ME.
REALLY, SEEING HIM FIRST THING IN THE MORNING JUST MELTS ALL OF YOUR SORROWS AWAY ♡
AHHH! HE'S SO GORGEOUS! ♡
Shinya-sama!!!

GREETINGS, SAKURAGAWA-KUN
GOOD MORNING
I HEARD ABOUT THE MISSING COUNCIL MEMBERS
AH
ANY NEW DEVELOP-MENTS?
NOT REALLY
I HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY REPORTS
.....
THEY'RE NOT ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS, AND OF COURSE, THEY HAVEN'T GONE HOME
WHICH MEANS THEY
...
THESE ARE, BRIEFLY, MY THOUGHTS FOR THE MOMENT
AH — HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
WERE KID-NAPPED?!
SHOCKED
HA HA HA HA HA HA AH

IMPOSSIBLE.
I SEE.
BLUNTLY
If they're not on the school grounds, and they're not at home
WELL
Sigh
That leaves only one other possible option
SAKURAGAWA-KUN, DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA?
Ah
NOTHING REALLY.
I SEE.
YES.
WELL, I'LL GO LOOK AROUND FOR OTHER POSSIBLE LEADS.
IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME NOW...
closes door

SAHIME,
ARE YOU THERE?
I'M HERE.
LOOKS AROUND
BUT I'LL ONLY USE MY VOICE. I WON'T SHOW MYSELF.
?
WHY DON'T YOU WANT ME TO SEE YOU?
BECAUSE, THEN, THE OTHERS WILL SEE ME, TOO.
WELL...
I'LL LIE!
ANYWAY, WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME?
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK.
IT'S ABOUT GORAHOUJI, MASHIBA, AND YANAGI-ZAWA.
THE THREE OF THEM HAVE...
Let's play

ONII-CHAN CAN SEE US, TOO, RIGHT?
HEY..
COME PLAY WITH US.
SHINYA?
Realises
WHAT HAPPEN-ED...?

The three of them saw him, too...?
.....
Just now... that spirit...?
Dnii-chan can see us, too, right?
Can see us too huh?
If that's so then... maybe...
SAHIME
OTHER THAN THOSE THREE, I ALSO WANT YOU TO INVESTIGATE THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE GHOST OF A BOY
...ABOUT SIX YEARS OLD
tick tock
tick tock
tick tock
IT'S ALL THE FAULT OF YOUR IMAGE CHANGE, YANAGIZAWA!
GRR!

FUMES
Image Change
FUMES
BECAUSE THAT HAIRSTYLE IS THE PRIDE OF MY NEVER-LATE, NEVER-ABSENT CHARACTER
SOLO SOLO
IT HURTS WHEN YOU SO BLATANTLY COPY IT...!
SO, WHY DOES THE FAULT LIE WITH MY HAIRSTYLE?!
BEFORE
WH- WHY IS IT MY FAULT?!
BECAUSE IT IS!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BECAUSE IT IS?!
PSSH
PSSH
OH, KNOCK IT OFF WE SHOULD BE LOOKING FOR A WAY OUT
I don't know how much longer my lighter can hold up
Ridiculous!!!
BECAUSE IT DOES!
PALES
DARKNESS ON ALL SIDES
HOW CAN WE EVEN START...
...LOOKING?
THAT'S EASIER SAID THAN DONE

I'M PRETTY SURE WE FELL INTO THIS HOLE RIGHT AFTER THAT LITTLE IMP SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED ON US
AHH
WELL, UH, I HAD GEN-SAN WITH ME, SO I THOUGHT
DON'T ASSUME THAT A GHOST IS FRIENDLY UPON FIRST SIGHT! TAKE A LOOK AROUND AT YOUR SURROUNDINGS, AS WELL!!!
"SIGH" THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN SAYING ALL ALONG.
HUH?
AH
So,
Why are the three of them in this place?
GEN-SAN!
GEN-SAAAAN!
GEN-CHAN!!!
GEN-SAN?!
UPSIDE DOWN
GEN-SAN...
Now, let us
...go back in time.

Well, what do you think?!
Isn't it the greatest hairstyle?!
Yeah...
What kind of response is that?! I look great, right?!
PISSED
Hey, Mashiba, what do you think?!
Yeah
IGNORES
GASP!
Huh?
Ding ni

Today
FLIP
I guess he'll be here soon
Where's Sakuragawa?
Hasn't he arrived yet?
Glance
Is Shinya's mother's death anniversary
So, why is the mood so gloomy for both of you on a day like this?
Excuse us
Death anniversary?
He visits her grave before school every year on this day

We have a favor to ask...
Are you the people who can speak with spirits and such?
!
...come play with us?
Could you please
IT LOOKS LIKE WE WERE HAD
WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT...

MAYBE THEY'RE PLANNING TO MAKE US DO SOME-THING...?
BUT I WONDER WHAT THOSE GHOST CHILDREN... ...ARE PLANNING TO DO
WE WERE SUCH FOOLS TO FALL FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT
YEAH
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THOSE KIDS COULD TRICK US SO EASILY?
FALL
PUSH
hole
WELL, HOWEVER THAT MAY BE...
FOR SHOVING ME INTO THIS HOLE!!!
I WILL MAKE THEM PAY DEARLY, AND WITH INTEREST...
CRACK
Ah! Shu!
Gen-san!
.....
I hope...
I HOPE SHINYA WON'T BE MAD AT US
Let's play

SENSES TINGLING
SO MUCH FUN...
IT'S SO FUN! SO FUN WITH EVERYONE!
HIDE AND SEEK!
IT'S YOUR TURN.
TO COUNT TO TEN!
LOTS...
AND LOTS...
LET'S PLAY!
YEAH!
THEN, FIRST..
I JUST FELT A DRAFT OF COLD AIR.
A feeling...?
Even so...

What did it mean by play?
.....
Let's play
Just what...
TWENS
?!
GEN-SAN?
I REALLY WONDER WHAT THAT KID GHOST IS UP TO
looking for Gen-san
.....
HEY, LET'S PLAY
IT'S YOU...
.....

LET'S PLAY...
ONII-CHAN
.....
...?
WHY IS IT....
...?

WHY IS IT THAT YOU...
...SMILE SO PAINFULLY?

SWISH
.....
ふーっ
.....
!
He's disappearing?!
WAIT! MY THREE FRIENDS
Looks like I said the wrong thing
.....
He kind of had a shocked look on his face
SHINYA! ♡

DING
That voice is—
SHINJA! ♡
...
SAIHIME!
WELL, I WANTED TO HANG AROUND SHINJA, SO I JUST TRIED THIS OUT TO SEE HOW IT WENT! ♡
Mmmm, you really do smell good~
WHY ARE YOU DRESSED LIKE THAT?
IT SUITS ME, RIGHT?
Her name's Saihime
We know each other through a previous spirit incident she's a yuki-onna *
I asked her to help find the location of the three of them.
AHH,
HOW'S IT BEEN GOING?

*NOTE LITERALLY "SNOW-WOMAN" A TYPE OF GHOST/NATURAL FORCE

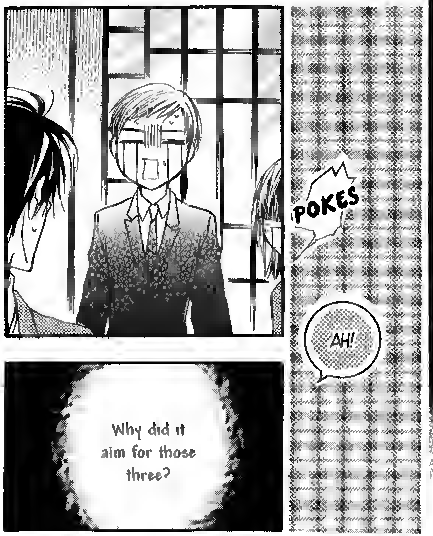
JUST PERFECT! ♡
I ASKED THE OLD CROW WHO LIVES IN THE TREE IN THE SCHOOL YARD
IT SAID THAT...
YOUR THREE FRIENDS RAN PAST THE TREE SOMETIME IN THE MORNING
AND...
JUST AS YOU SAID...
IT SEEMS LIKE THERE WAS A SMALL GHOST BOY WITH THEM
BUT...
THEY DIDN'T SEEM TO BE CONTROLLED OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
IN FACT, IT LOOKED LIKE THEY WERE GETTING ALONG VERY WELL, JUST STROLLING PAST.
GETTING... ALONG WELL?
getting along well.
SO...

.....
Why...?
HAZY
SIGH...
AND IT SEEMS TOO WEAK TO DO ANYTHING TO THOSE THREE
IT PROBABLY WASN'T AN EVIL SPIRIT.
SO, MAYBE IT'S NOT WHAT IT SEEMS?
SU-SURE.
SHALL I CONTINUE MY SEARCH FOR THE LOCATION OF YOUR THREE FRIENDS?
Why...?
HUH? WHAT'S WRONG, SHINJIA?
...a little unsettled
I feel...
.....
WELL, I'LL BE GOING, THEN. ♡
Smiles

WOBBLE
bump
DO YOU KNOW HOW WE CAN GET OUT?
HEY, GEN-SAN
THAT'S GOTTA HURT!
WOAH! LOOK AT THAT HUGE BUMP!
AND THE EXIT IS WAY UP THERE, SO THERE'S NO WAY TO CLIMB OUT.
THERE'S ONLY EARTH BELOW AND AROUND US.
WELL, WE STILL HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT HOW TO GET OUT OF HERE
SKRITCH
SKRITCH
STARES
THAT'S SOOOO CUTE!!!
Even though you just EXIST.
Is that so?
AH-HA-HA!
WOBBLE
SIGH
SO, WHAT DO WE DO?
FOUND YOU!

ripple

BREAKS
IT CAME OUT
!!!
KYA-AA!!
AH!
AH!
A premonition.
Y- YEAH!
ARE YOU OK?
IT'S- IT'S ALL RIGHT! IT'S ALL RIGHT!
SORRY, I SPACED OUT...
Dutifully went back to class to wait for Sakurai's return
SA-SAKURA-GAWA-KUN?


Every time I think about the three of them...
my heart feels completely unsettled
AND GEN-SAN ISN'T AROUND...
POKES
AH!
Why did it aim for those three?

"Sakuragawa-kun! You're definitely off today!"
SIGH
"Are you sure you're feeling all right?"
Go and get some rest in the infirmary!"
But I'm not feeling unwell at all.
It's just that...

UNEASY
UNEASY
UNEASY
UNEASY
I'm so angry.
.....
..HH?
..left me behind..
Why did they go away without even saying a word to me?
The three of them
They just
MAYBE THE CIRCUMSTANCES FORCED THEM TO
WHY AM I THINKING LIKE THIS? THAT THE THREE OF THEM LEFT ME BEHIND ON PURPOSE?
.....
I AM..

HEY
KISS
I AM...
...FEELING LONELY...?
I'M...
...HAPPY.
I'M HAPPY.
LET'S PLAY TOGETHER
.....
And in the emptiness where it should be...
YOU ARE...
Something is missing...

...LONELY, TOO, RIGHT?
Lonely?
YOU KEEP SAYING...
YOU WANT TO PLAY
As if you're...
trying to fill that emptiness in your heart

I AM.
LONELY, TOO ?
But it's different than just loneliness
I felt this pain in my chest
When those three went away and left me alone
WHEN I'M NOT WITH THE THREE OF THEM
I FEEL LONELY, I GUESS.
ONII-CHAN IS LONELY, TOO?
AHH
THAT I WAS LONELY
I HAD FORGOT-TEN
I SEE
I SEE
AHHHH

I AM LONELY, TOO...
I am...
JUST LIKE YOU, ONII-CHAN.
PETRIFIED
COME ON, NAOKI-SAN! AREN'T YOU ALWAYS THE SUPER-LUCKY ONE?!
DO SOMETHING!!!
PUSH
PUSH
HUH?! GORAIHOUJI, YOU...
why are you using me at your own convenience?
STEP
Smiles

step
step
yikes! she's coming!
step
step
TAG!
HUH?
I TAGGED YOU! NOW IT'S ONII-CHAN'S TURN TO BE IT!!!!
I-IT?
NOW YOU HAVE TO LOOK FOR EVERYONE
huh?
WOAH
?!

Pushes
HUH?
HEY?
AH?
WOAH!
WOAH!
WOAH!
WOAH!
SLIP
RUMBLE
WAAAH?!
HUH?
HEY... MASHIBA...
WHAT IN THE WORLD—
OUCH! THAT HURTS!
CRASH
OW!

WE GOT OUT.
HUH?!
SERIOUSLY?!
THIS IS THE OLD SECOND GYMNASIUM BUILDING
AND IT WAS LINKED TO THIS HOLE
WHAT WAS THAT HOLE IN THE FIRST PLACE?!
I THINK THAT...

...
NODS
I GUESS THEY MISSED THAT ONE
I HEARD ALL OF THOSE WERE FILLED UP AND CLOSED, BUT...
IT'S PROBABLY THE REMAINS OF AN OLD BOMB SHELTER
WHO KNOWS?
MAYBE SHE'S JUST ANOTHER SPIRIT DRAWN TO THE ACADEMY?
THEN, THAT GIRL JUST NOW WAS
FROM THAT TIME...?
BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY...

IT FELT AS IF WE WERE PLAYING HIDE-AND-SEEK.
"TAGGED," "ON," "LOOK FOR EVERYONE.."
YEAH, THAT I'M AN "ON!"...?
I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE WORDS THAT GIRL USED.
YES THIS IS PROBABLY A GOOD LEAD, ISN'T IT?
BUT FIRST OF ALL, RIGHT NOW...
"NOTE: IN JAPANESE "DEMON" THE "IT" IN HIDE AND SEEK IS ALSO CALLED "ONI" IN JAPANESE AND THE GAME - "ONI GOKKO"
EH... WHAT?
AH, NO, IT'S JUST...
AT LEAST FOR TODAY, I'D RATHER NOT INVOLVE SHINYA IN SUCH A THING
IF POSSIBLE
SWEAT
WE HAVE TO GET BACK TOGETHER WITH SHINYA.
EH?!
I AGREE WITH THAT POINT OF VIEW, TOO, BUT...
WELL, YES
EH

Ah!
I think he's doing our jobs at the student council, too (ours included), of course
I hope he's not too mad, but...
IT CAN'T BE HELPED WE'RE ALREADY CAUSING HIM A WORLD OF TROUBLE
I DIED WHEN I WAS SEVEN.
PAT
I KEPT WANDERING AIMLESSLY
AND AFTER I DIED I WAS LONELY
I BURNED DURING THE WAR..
UNTIL MY VERY DEATH, I WAS ALWAYS IN PAIN, HOT, AND SUFFERING

IT MUST HAVE BEEN HARD
BUT...
BUT
CHILDREN WHO HAD DIED YOUNG
EVERYONE?
EVERYONE, EVERYONE, REMEMBERED EXACTLY THE SAME THINGS AS ME
YES
I WAS ABLE TO MEET EVERYONE

WE DIDN'T GET ENOUGH FUN AND GAMES
Smile
WHAT...
?
I SEE
THANK YOU, ONII-CHAN.

During this long...
...long...
...time that flowed past me...
I had forgotten...
YOU MADE ME REMEMBER HOW LONELY I HAD BEEN, DIDN'T YOU?
YES
MEP
my heart
SHINYA...
SHI...
AH!
BUT—
AH!
Au!
Au!
Au!
Au!
Au!
AH!
AH!
AH!
...

THAT'S THE BRAT THAT STUCK US IN THAT HOLE!
?
STUCK YOU IN A HOLE?
REALLY?
YES...
HEY! CAN I CALL EVERYONE ELSE, TOO?
?
CALL EVERY-ONE?
I PROMISED TO PLAY WITH THEM.
EEEH?!
YES
HE SAID HE WANTED TO PLAY BECAUSE HE WAS LONELY
RUFFLE
CAN'T BE HELPED, THEN, I GUESS.
YOU LITTLE...
AH!
WELL, YOU DID SAY YOU WOULD PLAY WITH ME, RIGHT?
WE WERE PLAYING HIDE-AND-SEEK THEN...

ALL RIGHT
LET'S PLAY TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT!

!
WHAT IS IT?
Eh?
Why is it?
Why am I crying
It's because now I'm..
I see..
Ah...

...VERY HAPPY..!
ALL RIGHT! COME HERE!
I'M IN, TOO!
Dash
rub rub
PULL
PULL

Even if only a little
the loneliness only piles up
Even if there are many of you
You can't escape from loneliness on your own

P!
W-WHAT'S GOING ON?!
THE CHILDREN ARE DISAPPEAR-ING
!
even if only a little,
you need someone's hand to share their warmth with you

IT WAS A LOT OF FUN.
YOU...
WE'RE FINALLY GOING UP TO THE SKIES.
Smile
IT'S NOT LONELY.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
OWL-CHAN
HEY
YES!
YOU MEAN YOU'RE PERFECTLY SATISFIED?
FOR ME...
...AS WELL AS FOR YOU
FIGHT

!
<SFX: HWAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA>
BYE, BYE...
SHINYA...

BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
?!
...
WERE YOU MINDFUL OF ME BECAUSE TODAY IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF MY MOTHER'S DEATH?
EHM... ABOUT GOING OFF TODAY TO EXTERMINATE GHOSTS WITHOUT TELLING YOU...
SORRY...
I HATED IT...
THAT YOU WERE GONE
IT WAS LIKE...
SHI-
SHINYA?!
OUCH
OOOH
OOOH!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT MY MOTHER
AS FOR ME...
never say such a thing
My heart is shaken Normally would
SHINYA
I WAS LEFT BEHIND ALONE

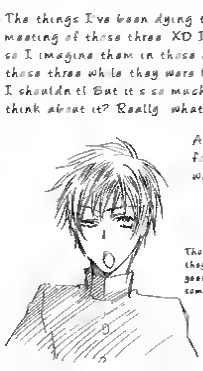
NOW I HAVE...
...YOU.
BLUSH
why are you glowing red?
BLUSH
BLUSH
LOVE-STRUCK
!!!
shinya! <3
SAKURAGAWA... IT WAS LIKE A COMFIES SHOW...
SHINYA! <3
S-SAY THAT AGAIN! SHINYA!
For me
him t get an appear ance
this time fen san
It's not lonely
It's all right
as well as for you
I-I'M SORRY, SAIHIME
WAAAH!
was looking for everyone as Shinya told her to do
YOU FORGOT ABOUT ME!
Y-YOU'RE HORRIBLE, SHINYA!
WAAAH!
Gokaihou Gakuen e Youkoso! CHAPTER 12 - The End

Cheers! I'm Aloka. Hello to everyone who knows me and to those who meet me for the first time! It's volume 4!!! I'm spoiled! I really didn't think I'd get this far (Hagi) so I'm happy. All this is only thanks to my supervisor K-sama! And D-sama! And everyone at editorial! And all my friends! And... and to everyone's support!!! Rrrrrrrrrrrrrreally big thanks for all of your emails and letters! I'll keep on working hard to make you feel better by reading this, even to the very limit of my deadl-ness! And I'll work hard to reply to your mail!! Please wait for me! And please take good care of me from now on, too!!
Plus, take a look at the one-shots I publish meanwhile, no ♡(A little ad)

The things I've been dying to draw lately. The meeting of these three. XD It was in middle school so I imagine them in those uniforms. (giggle) these three who they were little. (Hehehah) Oh I shouldn't! But it's so much fun!!! What do you think about it? Really, what do you?! (Don't ask!)

All right! Then, looking forward to the next time we will be able to meet!

Aloka Hagi



These three when they were 15-16 years old should be something like this